

PROS, CONS, and PROMPTING

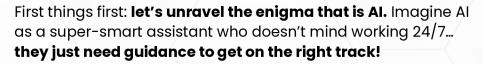
Al isn't just knocking on the door of your business—it has kicked the door wide open and is making itself at home! As a small to medium-sized business (SMB), the question isn't whether you should use AI, but how to do so without it turning into a financial black hole...

This E-Book is your trusty guide, packed with insights on **becoming an AI prompt maestro**, **avoiding mishaps and security lapses**, and **prepping your business** for a future where AI is your right-hand helper.

IMPROVING YOUR SMB WITH AI:

UNVEILING THE POTENTIAL





This assistant is powered by something called **LLMs** (Large Language Models), the digital brains that generate text based on user inputs. Their strength for **content generation** comes from being able to understand and predict language patterns to complete your requests.

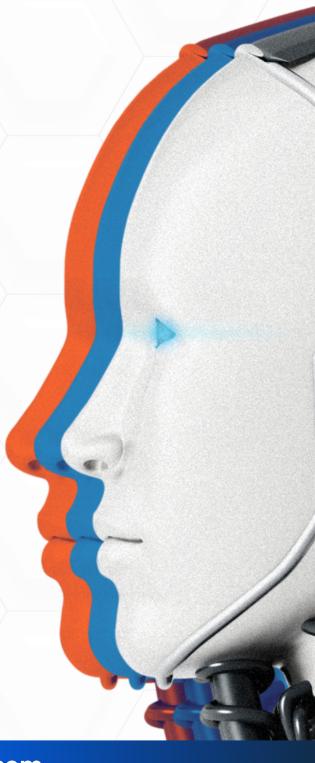
So, why should your business care about AI? When utilized correctly, AI can serve as the **secret ingredient** that transforms your operations from ordinary to extraordinary. By automating repetitive tasks and saving your employees time, generative AI serves as the engine that can **drive increased productivity** across your business.

Example: A retail company implements AI to analyze customer purchase patterns and inventory levels. This AI-driven insight enables them to anticipate demand spikes and personalize marketing campaigns, **resulting in increased sales with increased bandwidth!**

Now, you might be thinking, "This sounds great, but is AI really that valuable?"

The answer is a **resounding yes!** Al can propel your business ahead of competitors who are spinning their wheels: whether you're in retail, finance, healthcare, or any other industry, Al has the potential to **streamline your operations.**

Don't just take our word for it - business leaders worldwide are hopping on the AI bandwagon, realizing it's not just a fleeting trend. It's an essential tool for future-proofing your SMB and staying relevant in a world where technological advancement shows no signs of slowing down. Ignoring AI today would be like ignoring the internet in the 90s—a colossal missed opportunity!



EFFECTIVE AI USAGE:

THE FOUNDATION OF A STRONG PROMPT



Now that we've established why AI is worth your attention, **let's dive into the art of crafting an effective prompt.** Think of a prompt as a **secret handshake** you use to communicate with AI. Nail your prompt and generative AI becomes your new best friend, delivering responses that are **accurate** and **incredibly useful.** If you're vague or ambiguous, **the results will only serve to waste your time...**

A well-crafted prompt guides AI to **understand your intent** and deliver responses that are on point. For example, if you're using AI for customer support, a precise prompt can help the AI provide **accurate answers** to your clients. It's all about setting the right context and providing enough information for AI to work its magic!

Example: "I need a social media caption for **[COMPANY NAME]**, an IT company providing IT services to small businesses. The caption should highlight the benefits of our Managed IT, focusing on cost efficiency, all-inclusive service, and increased security. The tone should be professional but approachable, targeting small business owners. Encourage readers to visit our website at **[WEBSITE URL]**. The caption should be concise and engaging."

Keep in mind that you need to be aware of the information that you are feeding generative AI: the best practice to keep your data secure is to never input sensitive company info or credentials. The Large Language Models powering these tools are powerful, but there is nothing stopping them from taking the information you input and sharing it with other users (while trying to answer their prompts most effectively).



Your Prompt Here:

3/200 words



PREPARING FOR IMPLEMENTATION





Now it's time to implement AI at your business:

here's how to get started!



Setting clear objectives is the first step. What do you hope to achieve with AI?

Whether you want to improve the customer experience or enhance your marketing collateral, having a clear vision will help you get started and guide your next steps.

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Next, invest in ongoing education and training for your team! Al is a powerful tool, but its effectiveness depends on how well your employees can use it. Providing training ensures your team is equipped with the knowledge and skills to harness Al's capabilities effectively.



Finally, laying a solid foundation for Al involves integrating it into your existing workflows. This might require some adjustments, but the payoff is worth it. You'll want to verify this is possible with your current tools and discuss the best implementations with your team!

Outside of step 1, these preparations can be difficult to manage entirely in-house. How about we recommend some help?



REASONS TO WORK WITH A MANAGED SERVICE PROVIDER





Al usage at your business can quickly snowball **without structure**: it's important to have robust policies and guidelines in place to regulate Al use and make sure it's being **used in the right contexts.**

EXAMPLE:

An employee doesn't know how to effectively build a prompt or check AI for inaccuracies. Trying to impress clients, they use AI to generate information for a sales sheet, which leads to a major PR disaster when the AI-produced content contains inaccuracies and misleads clients.

Now, you might be wondering how to balance innovation with oversight. The answer lies in partnering with a Managed Service Provider! MSPs (like New Look Computera and Data are equipped to guide your business safely up the mountain of Al integration without any nasty surprises along the way. Whether it's implementing Al tools, providing training, or building a set of standards and usage rules, the right MSP can be your partner in navigating the complexity (and uncertainty) of Al!

EXAMPLE:

A manufacturing company partnered with an MSP to implement **predictive maintenance AI.** The MSP helped integrate AI into existing systems and trained staff on AI operation, leading to **significant reductions in downtime** and **preventing any usage missteps.**



TIME TO MOVE YOUR BUSINESS FORWARD!

We hope this E-Book has served as an **orientation** to using AI in the SMB space and helped you to start thinking about how it can **specifically benefit your business!**

Embracing Al isn't just about staying competitive (though that's a huge plus); it's also about transforming your business and making what you do easier! Just keep in mind that precise and responsible usage is the key to truly benefiting your productivity.

If you'd like **an Al expert** to guide you through implementation and serve as your one-stop library of expertise, look no further than New Look Computer and Data! We'll make sure your business is **at the pinnacle of modern Al capabilities.**



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